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Sirs,

What comments need to be made? Microsoft has been found to be guilty of breaking the law. This finding has in no way altered Microsoft's corporate behavior.

Mircosoft has proven themselves to be untrustworthy through their actions and shenagins during the various trials. Could any so-called remedy that merely slapped a fine (even a billion dollar fine) cause Microsoft as a corporate entity to behave ethically? I doubt it.

The best possible punishment I can think of is that they should be made to actually compete on level ground. Failing the breakup of Microsoft, I would hope that at least the closed systems (OS code, Office formats, etc) would be opened up and allows other companies to create software that could actually provide real competition.

I would hope that a settlement against Microsoft would be just that; AGAINST MICROSOFT. If Microsoft is slapped with a velvet glove, then I see no reason why soemone who robs a bank should be punished. Or the corporate "leaders" of Enron.

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